

SGTri 24.8/12.4 Mile Bike Routes



Washington County Planning Commission Meeting
August 12, 2008

Item #6. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. Review extension for the Kokopelli Triathlon, September 20, 2008, which will start and end at the Sand Hollow Reservoir, with the biking event traversing 1100 West and roads throughout the Grassy Meadows Sky Ranch Subdivision in the County unincorporated area. Brogg Sherrett/Multisport Event Director/BBSC Endurance, applicant.

The planner explained that this triathlon will be known as the "Kokopelli Triathlon. These types of events are conditionally approved in the County unincorporated areas. This is the first request for this type of event in the Fall of the year, although, this is the fourth year they have held "a like" event in the Spring at the Sand Hollow Reservoir, which was called the St. George Triathlon. There are now three (3) entities involved, Hurricane City, State Park and the County. This route affects fewer people and there have been no complaints in this area previously. The other triathlon was approved contingent upon the applicant making arrangements for ingress and egress of emergency vehicles, including flaggers, to protect both the participants at the event and the residents of the surrounding areas. The biking portion of this event is what the County would be concerned with, as it includes a portion of 1100 West and roads throughout the Grassy Meadows Sky Ranch Subdivision (3940 South, 1200 West, 4370 South, 1600 West, 4620 South, and 1500 West). It should take no more than two hours to complete the bike run. The applicant should be working with Ron Whitehead to meet County requirements for use on those roads and the Hurricane Police Department, of which, staff has received a letter from that department. The applicant indicated they will bring in additional sanitation facilities at the State Park site.

Aubrieon Sterrett, representative, explained that they follow the standards set up by U.S.A.T. (USA Triathlon), which is the governing body of triathlons. On trips of this size, they are not required to have refill stations for water bottles. The athletes know to re-hydrate themselves as necessary. There are two (2) EMT's staged down at the water during the swimming portion, who go out onto the course when the swimming is completed. One stays at the bottom of a steep hill, where there is a cattle guard, and the other will roam the entire length of the course. A command center is set up at the shore of Sand Hollow, and they are in contact with all others on staff who are out on the course. Search and Rescue will be monitoring the water events, and there are also hundreds of volunteers who assist with the triathlon. The race has grown from three hundred (300) participants two (2) years ago, to nine hundred (900) last year, and approximately one thousand (1000) participants are anticipated for this year. There is radio or cell phone communication throughout the entire course, a volunteer or flagger at any place where there is a turn, and a police officer at the traffic intersection.

Findings of Fact:

1. The race is monitored, except for a 3-mile stretch from 3000 and 1100 West, down to Sky Ranch
2. Police will be stationed at the corner of 3000 and 1100 West to help with truck traffic

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3. Roads will be cleaned prior to the race
4. The race will be completed between ten and eleven a.m.
5. Hurricane police will respond to the County area of the course

Motion was made by Commissioner Hepworth to recommend approval on a Conditional Use Permit for the Kokopelli Triathlon, acknowledging that the County is named as a beneficiary on an insurance policy, subject to review in one (1) year. Commissioner Balen seconded the motion. Four (4) commissioners voted Aye. The motion carried.